I was researching the beginnings of the NFL. It's very interesting to me as I was researching; I found a seemingly unassuming team called the | Maroons. I think that the Maroons are one of the weirdest teams in NFL history. The Maroons got their start in Toledo in 1910 in the Ohio league, yes the same Ohio league that the founders of the NFL played in |. They were not a founding member of the NFL only joining two years after its inception |. They would go 5-2-2 | which is good for 4th in the league | because the playoffs didn't exist yet this was the end of the season. The 1923 season | would not go as well going 3-3-2 | which placed them at 10th in the league |, this is where things get interesting. You see the Maroons didn't make much money |, so the NFL told them to go to anywhere but Toledo so they moved to Kenosha Wisconsin a city which at the time had 40,472 people |. Using the rare smaller market to get more money strategy I see. Out of curiosity I wanted to find out how many people from Toledo went to Kenosha. The answer? One; Marty Conrad was the only one. Another quick side note Cliff Jetmore, another Maroon player, played for Wayne Tank and Pump | in 1923 | one of only two mentions I can find on this elusive team. The other being a passing mention on facebook |. The thing is Wayne Tank and Pump is a company, a still operational | one founded all the way back in 1928 |, wait | anyways. WHY WOULD A COMPANY HAVE A FOOTBALL TEAM? Don't you mention the Packers | or The Oorang Indians |, those were both named after professions (meat packing and selling Oorangs). But back to Kenosha they just got a brand new NFL team only for one player to show up. They're still able to make a full NFL team but in 1924 | still went 0-4-1 | or 0-5-1 | you see the Maroon just sorta disappeared the newspaper stopped reporting their games, but you know who didn't stop reporting games the good people in Rock Island Illinois | The Rock Island Independents against the Kenosha All-Stars are they related to the Maroons? Probably but who made up this phantom team is unknown as this is their only mention. Not like the people of Kenosha cared later the Kenosha News | which previously didn't report on this game claimed it didn't happen. | They also said that none of the original Maroons were on the All-Star team but I couldn't find a roster in my research. Legacy the next season the Pottsville eleven renamed themselves | to the Pottsville Maroons as they joined the NFL Toledo is only 609 miles from Pottsville so they might of been trying to get some fans of the original maroons to come and see their games.

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